

All to help her grow up, and about life and what she needs to know . . . and what really counts so . . .

As I will inspire her by my love . . . as in my heart, I hold her close and so very high above . . .

As I will show her, how to lift up her head each morn, even though such pain is worn . . .

To cherish each new shining day, to touch all hearts along her way . . . as I live on . . .

Showing her how not to be bitter and afraid, as out and along life's road as made . . .

For I know she needs me so very much, for her this my battle . . . for her I do so much . . .

Because so many children . . . will never know, and grow up with such loving daddies so . . .

And never have such a best friend . . . who will stick with them, through thick and thin . . .

Who at night will tuck them in, and tell bedtime stories . . . as together, our two hearts blend . . .

Who from them so much can learn, as it's for her and her future, that this my heart so burns . . .

As she will learn all from me, how great a heart can truly be . . . as to her, mine so speaks . . .

Showing her, arms and legs yes we may need . . . but, without hearts we can not live indeed . . .

And what really counts, all in the end . . . is what's in your heart, as where it all so begins . . .

So for my daughter I will wake . . . as each new day for her, these most courageous steps I take . . .

As I fight through all of my pain, as I venture out upon heartache's way . . . my soul will remain.

All so I can see those smiles upon her face, and watch her grow up with such happiness and grace . . .

And for all of my buddies who died, who shall never so look into their children's eyes . . .

It's for you too I wake, and to Be the Best Father our Lord God could make . . .

As I will tell your children, all about your love . . . and how you spoke of them, so high above.

Recalling, all of those words of love you spoke . . . and all about them, as their names you invoked . . .

For I stand stronger on this day, all because of this child who before me so lays . . .

For you Rian . . . give me a reason to live, at night as I watch sleep in your crib . . .

Daughter, all of this . . . I do, for you . . . my gift from God, that will help see me through . . .

And if I ever have a son, Juan, I but hope and pray he is like you the one!

For my Daughter, all this I'll do!

IN RECOGNITION OF SGT STEVE
MAY

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. CARDOZA. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to recognize the passing of a great public servant, Sergeant Steve May of the Modesto Police Department who died from medical complications sustained from a 2002 accident that occurred

while on duty. As a 23 year veteran of the Department, Sergeant May gave the ultimate sacrifice to our community.

Sergeant May was hired by the Modesto Police Department on February 6, 1979 and promoted to Corporal on January 28, 1992. He was then promoted to Sergeant on September 20, 1994. Sergeant May was a respected member of the Department who was a consummate professional who served his community with distinction. The accident that took Sergeant May from his family and our community occurred on July 29, 2002. Stanislaus County Sheriffs Deputies saw a black pickup that they believed to be suspicious, and after the vehicle attempted to evade officers, it rammed the deputies' patrol car and sped off. Sergeant May was on patrol and spotted the suspect's vehicle in downtown Modesto. He followed the vehicle and pursued it vigorously as the vehicle reached high rates of speed. The suspect ran two stop signs and was evading police. While running a stop sign, Sergeant May's patrol car was struck and pushed into a tree as the suspect's vehicle hit a house. Sergeant May was trapped inside his car and freed by firefighters. Suffering severe injuries, he was rushed to the hospital for treatment.

Sergeant May's family and our community are deeply saddened by this loss. He leaves behind his wife Diana and their two children—Corinne and Michael. I offer my prayers and condolences as they grieve.

Sergeant May was clearly a remarkable individual, public servant and law enforcement officer who remained dedicated to public safety and service throughout his impressive career. Through his dedicated work, he touched the lives of many and helped change the face of our community. Madam Speaker, it is with respect and gratitude that I ask my colleagues to join me in this posthumous recognition of Police Sergeant Steve May for his dedicated service.

RECOGNIZING PIZZA 4 PATRIOTS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the extraordinary efforts of the Pizza 4 Patriots Organization, Uno Chicago Grill, and DHL, in teaming up to provide Chicago-style deep dish pizzas on Independence Day to our service men and women serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan. The cumulative effort brought 28,000 pizzas to the troops, allowing them to celebrate our nation's day of independence with a taste and feel of home.

The initiative of retired Air Force Master Sergeant Mark Evans, Pizza 4 Patriots is a non-profit organization that seeks to honor the service of the United States' Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. With pizzas provided by Uno Chicago Grill and international delivery service provided by DHL, Operation Pizza Surge broke the record for the "World's Largest Pizza Party," and will go down in the Guinness Book of World Records as such.

As our service men and women continue to courageously protect our freedom and liberties throughout the Middle East, the services pro-

vided by Pizza 4 Patriots, Uno Chicago Grill, and DHL are of the utmost importance. In garnering donations from individuals and organizations to make Operation Pizza Surge possible, they have helped raise awareness and recognition of the outstanding and courageous job that the United States' military continues to do to protect the liberty and safety of the American people.

We must always remember and pay tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those proud men and women who serve and protect the American people. The efforts of Pizza 4 Patriots, Uno Chicago Grill, and DHL remind us that as we celebrate our independence at home, it is the efforts of our armed forces that allow us to do so.

Madam Speaker, today we congratulate Pizza 4 Patriots, Uno Chicago Grill, and DHL for a successful completion of Operation Pizza Surge, and we thank them for providing our brave troops with a slice of home while they protect our country and our freedoms abroad.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding one earmark I received as part H.R. 3326, The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010:

(1) Institute for Science and Engineering Simulation (ISES), University of North Texas—\$6 million—Account: 0602102F Materials—\$4,500,000.

ISES at the University of North Texas is currently working closely with the U.S. Air Force to remedy a critical requirement. Due to increased operations as a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan during the past 5 yrs, Air Force aircraft are often pushed to perform beyond their intended design criteria: this has created serious concerns for safety of both the aircraft and personnel. The Air Force requires modeling and simulation research of the performance and lifecycles of materials in aircraft in order to extend the life of current military aircraft and to perform testing on future aircraft structures and material. Utilizing state-of-the-art facilities and equipment at the University of North Texas, the research conducted at ISES will be used to predict/identify and reduce the risk of catastrophic failure in aircraft structural components, extend the life of current aircraft and increase the safety of pilots and personnel.

University of North Texas is located at Hurley Administration Building 175, Denton, TX 76203-2979.

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HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Fire Chief Ronald